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GIVES YU-MEN SECOND-QUARTER PRODUCTION PLANS;
STEEL MILLS, RUBBER FACTORY INCREASE OUTPUT

YU-MEN PUSHES EXPANSION PLANS -- Shanghai Wen-hui Pao, 21 Apr 50

Lan-chou -- The control committee of the company charged with operation of the Yu-men oil fields has formulated a production plan for the second quarter of 1950. Projects to be undertaken in this period were outlined by the company manager, Tsou Ming, in a report to a meeting of the field's cadres.

1. Min-ho Well-Drilling Project -- According to the plan, preparations for this project were to have been made in March 1950, machinery, equipment, and laborers to be assembled the first part of May, and running water and electric facilities to be installed at Min-ho by mid-May. A derrick is to be erected and it is expected that all preparations will be completed and drilling may begin by mid-June.

2. Drilling and Repair Project at Lao-chun-miao Field -- Plans are going ahead for completing the drilling of four new wells and repairing one already in use. Well No H24 will be drilled to a depth of "M" layer [sic] to study oil deposits at that point. Equipment needed for the various projects has already been purchased or selected, the most important being the pump to be used in testing the "M" layer, which is expected to yield 171,000 t'ung [approximately 42 gallons].

3. Oil Refining -- The new installations of the plant for separating wax by centrifugation will be completely installed in May and is expected to ensure a continuous supply of machine oil. The pipe still plant, distillation plant, vacuum distillation plant, and de-waxing plant are also scheduled to begin operations in the second quarter. Diesel oil and lubricating oil containing wax will provide raw materials for the cracking plant and will not be listed as products ready for the market.

Production goals for the second quarter include 55,515 t'ung of gasoline, 13,920 t'ung of kerosene, 2,205 t'ung of heavy lubricating oil, 30,000 cases of wax candles, 8,775 t'ung of pitch, and 71,108 t'ung of miscellaneous fuel oils.

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In addition, the refining plant has decided to construct two tanks, one of 7,000-t'ung capacity and one of 1,500-t'ung capacity. The foundation and steel frame for a furnace to reduce heavy distillates will also be completed. In its planning and research activities, the refining plant will concern itself primarily with assisting test furnace operations by the wax-centrifugation plant, the use of the heavy distillates reduction furnace, methods for storing pitch, and uses for wax and gum.

4. Engineering Projects -- Engineering activities are the concern of the various units of the Construction and Engineering Department. Plans for the second quarter are as follows:

a. Machinery -- The new machinery plant is scheduled for completion in the second quarter, as well as two model 5-1 [named in honor of the 1 May labor holiday] 500-horsepower [sic] boilers. Repairs on a 500-kilowatt [sic] steam boiler will also be 50 percent completed.

b. Public Utilities -- Primary duties in this respect will be to maintain adequate water and electricity supplies, and will include repair and replacement of water pipes, repair of motors and transformers, and increased telephone efficiency.

c. Construction -- Plans call for the building of the new machinery plant to be 75 percent completed in the quarter and the complete construction of 70 other new buildings.

d. Brick Kilns -- The production of red bricks, firebricks, lime, and pottery will be increased and additions made to existing facilities, such as polishing equipment, brick kilns, water tanks, and fuel-oil tanks.

e. Transportation -- Operations activities are primarily concerned with the repair of inoperable vehicles. A minimum of 80 automobiles are to be kept in operating condition. Repair facilities are sufficient to handle, per month, major repairs on 10 vehicles, medium repairs on 15 vehicles, and minor repairs on 200 vehicles.

Goals for transport activities, which are centered at Lan-chou, in the second quarter have been set at 700,000 ton-kilometers for April, one million ton-kilometers for May, and 2 million ton-kilometers for June.

In keeping with construction needs, at least 1,600 tons of engineering and building materials will be handled under the transport quota. This includes equipment for the project at Min-ho. The construction program is scheduled for completion by September 1950. Cement and lumber, which are available locally, are not included in the transportation quota. Much of the equipment to be brought in is stored in Shanghai and Chungking.

SHANGHAI ROLLING MILLS RESUME PRODUCTION -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 9 May 50

Nineteen private steel-rolling mills have resumed activity and some of them are increasing production considerably above their preliberation output. Quality is also improving to meet the contract requirements of the Ministry of Industry which purchases their products.

As a result of the improved cooperation between management and labor, and the encouragement of the Ministry of Industry, one firm that formerly produced 280 tons of pressed steel per month, turned out 400 tons in April 1950.

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PRIVATE RUBBER FACTORY PROSPERS -- Shanghai Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 19 Apr 50

Last year, the Nan-yang Rubber Goods Factory was on the verge of bankruptcy and the management very much discouraged over the prospects. At this point the laborers organized to try to save the factory. At first, the management was unwilling even to discuss the matter, but the workers' persistence led to a working agreement.

The workers demonstrated their willingness to take part wages, to split shifts, to alternate with half the workers in the factory (the other half supporting themselves at home in the country in slack periods), and to give up leave time when cuts in power due to bombing threatened to delay getting out orders on time. Management came to understand that the workers, when given a voice in the operations of the plant, were entirely willing to sacrifice in almost any way to make the business successful. In April 1950, production of rubber shoes was stepped up from 2,000 to 3,000 pairs a day.

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